Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

Sad, But Just.

A monkey and a porcupine
Went out to walk one night—
'Twas in September, and the moon
And stars were shining bright—
When, in the garden near the road,
They spied a splendid tree,
As full of peaches, round and red,
As ever it could be.

The topmost branch that monkey reached,
In one astounding bound,
And soon the ripest peaches there,
Were strewn upon the ground;
And 'mong them rolled the porcupine
With porcupiney skill,
And when he left that spot he bore
A peach upon each quill.

And how they laughed, the monkey and
His very sharp young chum,
When, safe at home, they ate them all!
But soon they looked quite glum;
And ere the night had passed they vowed
They'd never steal again;
For "oh!" they groaned, and "oh!" they moaned,
"We've got a peachy pain."

—*Harper's Young People.*

Our Scripture Lesson For Nov. 30th.

Read Prov. 8:1—17.

Our lesson this week is about true wisdom, and so great is its value that the author of the Book of Proverbs makes it his special aim to teach us wisdom and knowledge.

In this lesson wisdom is represented as a person calling aloud to the sons of men. No matter what calling we pursue, wisdom continually warns us against the follies and vanities of earthly things, and bids us look to God as the source of every real and lasting pleasure. Wherever we go, wisdom is there and pleads with us to accept her teachings. If we labor in the field, wisdom is there; if in the workshop, she is there also; or, if we are in the school room wrestling with books of instruction, her voice will be heard inviting us to drink deep of her beautiful waters.

Every one is invited to get wisdom. It is not enough that we should become acquainted with the industries of the world, learned in languages and sciences; it is not enough that we prepare ourselves to carry on the affairs of private and public life; but we should also seek a knowledge of God, which is true wisdom.

If we possess true wisdom and hearken unto her constant admonitions to do right; we will find favor with God and men. We will be obedient to the will of our heavenly Father, and in his love and protection our souls will be secure from the evil influences which assail us on every side. We will lose all desire for the companionship of the wicked, and delight only to associate with those who are noble and good.

"Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." If we have wisdom we can meet the trials of life with brave hearts; we can go out into the world and battle victoriously with its temptations, feeling assured that there is One who will go with us wherever we may wander. One who in hours of affliction and misfortune will comfort our hearts and direct us to do that which is virtuous, and profitable to our souls.

There is no other time so appropriate to the acquisition of wisdom and knowledge as that of youth. It is then that seeds are sown for future development; it is then that the heart is forming its affections; it is then that the mind is reaching out its tendrils in every direction and twining around everything with which it meets. Then, too, is laid the foundation on which we build our character. If in the morning of life, we obey the instruction of wisdom, we will in after years, be saved from many a bitter tear and many a heartache. Wisdom loves those who love her: and if we seek her early we will find her.

What a beautiful thought! What a glorious hope! No one need grow up in ignorance and be a nuisance to society and the church. The ways of wisdom are open to every one, and those who walk therein will finally find themselves face to face with Him who is infinitely wise. May every little boy and girl resolve to seek wisdom while they are young.

Aunt Lottie's Letter.

Dear Children; One week ago, I left home to visit my sister who lives in Berlin, Pennsylvania, whom I had not seen for one year. I have enjoyed my visit, but a letter from some one who has lately returned to Ashland makes us feel like quickening our stay, even at so pleasant a place as my only sister's house.

I have met many little folks both here and at Myersdale.

The members of my Sunday school class have grown that, had I not seen them once every year, I should not have recognized them. The Berlin Sunday-school is well attended and all seem very much interested in their work. Though not with them long I learned something that will help me in my work when I again return to it. Last Sunday evening I walked to the Berlin cemetery, where, almost two years since we left the little body of my sister's first-born, who had been with us long enough to endear himself to us and pierce our hearts with the spear of anguish when the little lips spoke no welcome, and the little eyes no longer filled with joy at our coming. But I wanted to tell you that while I stood there, with my hand clasping that of my school girl friend, I had some of the noblest thoughts rush through my mind that have ever blessed my inward vision. And do you know what that proved to me? That all things happen for the best, the good of some one; for on that cold day in January when that drop of promise fell from our lives, we were chilled with sorrow, and that little grave promised no pleasure for us. Now, in after days we stand by it and in communion with our blessed Maker, the bitterness of the past hour is weakened, as He says words to us that cannot be heard in the routine of business or pleasure, on the busy thoroughfare or on the country's green walks. But here He calls us and whispers such words of cheer that has never been ours to hear. And in the fullness of our hearts we speak such words to each other, the memory of which will help us all through our after lives. God's ways are not ours, they are sometimes hard to understand, but have Faith and trust him, all will be well. Christ has come to our aid, and suffering with him we climb the steep way to heaven.

We did not have many letters from the children last week, but I trust it is only because Santa Claus is begging something from them to fill his "Catchall." But remember that even through Christmas time we dare not neglect our corner.

Your conductor will not and neither should you.

Bro. H. N. Cober's suggestions on How to improve our time, are excellent. It would be a source of happiness to your editor to have many like suggestions weekly, in our EVANGELIST corner.

To whatever occupation you may be called as a means of obtaining a livelihood, determine to understand it well and work hard at it.

Letters from the Children.

Dear Editor: Sometime ago grandmother Reinhart wrote a letter for the children's column, in the EVANGELIST, and enclosed 50 cts in stamps, for the Dew Drop Club. As she did not see it in print, she had come to the conclusion it had been lost; until to-day, she saw the notice in your paper, of a letter written by a lady who had not given her name; she thinks it must be her letter, and has asked me to write for her, and tell you her letter was about her little boys, and that her name is Mrs. Jane Reinhart; and you will please look over all mistakes as she is nearly seventy-four years old and was not very well the day she wrote. She wrote a short note to Miss Lottie, and asked her if she would be kind enough to correct mistakes and signed her name to it; she thinks that must have been the piece that was lost. I live in Delaware City, Del. Bertie and Herman Snader are cousins of mine, and I feel glad to hear from them through your paper.

Grandmother says she thinks somebody must have lost part of the EVANGELIST this week.

FANNIE CLARK.

Delaware City, Del.

Thank you, Fannie, for the kind and complete explanation of the matter, and many thanks to grandma for the liberal donation to the Dew Drop Fund, as well as for the enclosure of 12cts in stamps in your letter, which I suppose is for the same purpose. It is likely that the slip of paper referred to, which contained the writer's name was mislaid in this office. Grandma's saying that somebody must have lost part of the EVANGELIST last week sounds to the editors like a twit on our half-sheet. Tell her we will try not to *lose* any more this year.

Dear Lottie: This is my first letter for the Youth's Department. Our school commences next Tuesday. My studies are reading, spelling and arithmetic. I am ten years old. A. L. Garber of Bellville Ohio, will be with us on the 6th of December, and preach for us one or two weeks. I am glad and I think I shall go every night. Mamma was disappointed, she did not receive the EVANGELIST this week. I like to read the letters from the little children. I wish some of my little cousins would write. I will slip a dime in my letter for the Dewdrop.

Now Lottie, if this does not find its way into your waste basket, I shall try and send you some more news from Ashtabula. LAURA RITTENHOUSE.

The dime reached us safely, and the letter has found its way into our Department, and all is well; and with many thanks you are invited to come again, Laura. The long winter nights are coming, and the children will have plenty of time to write letters to each other; and we hope they will have a good time.

Sorry your mamma was disappointed. Hope it was not our fault. We always try to send the paper promptly.

Dear Lottie; I am a little boy, I live in Louisville. I go to school. I am seven years old I study reading, writing, spelling, Arithmetic and geography. I go to the U. B. Sunday school. Next summer I can go to the Brethren Sunday-school in our new church.

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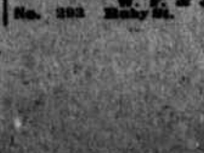

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